

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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WILD WASTE SHOW

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the work of the Wild Waste Show and to outline future plans.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Wild Waste Show (WWS) provides a waste education and awareness programme to schools and communities across Oxfordshire. It was set up in 1999 by the Northmoor Trust, an environmental charity based in South Oxfordshire. The WWS has been fully funded by the OWP since April 2006.
- 2.2 The WWS team consists of five staff, delivering the Wild Waste Bus and the Wild Waste Outreach programmes. The Bus, a fully equipped vehicle with teaching space, is booked by primary schools, community groups, and public events throughout the year to raise awareness of the reduce, reuse, recycle message. The WWS Bus is in use 4 or 5 days per week during school term, and is available for events during school holidays.
- 2.3 Alongside the bus, the Outreach team offer a tailored package to primary and secondary schools, including curriculum-linked workshops in the classroom, whole-school assemblies, and support on waste initiatives associated with the national Eco Schools and Healthy Schools schemes. The WWS Outreach project, as well as visiting schools that have missed out on the WWS Bus, is being developed to offer schools extra workshops to those provided by the bus.
- 2.4 Since 1999, over 85% of County primary schools have taken part in the WWS. Secondary schools have been targeted since September 2006, with 50% of County secondary schools participating in the Outreach programme to date.
- 2.5 Further information on the work of the WWS will be provided through a presentation at the OWP meeting.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 £120,000 of funding is currently provided to the WWS by OWP. This funding remains within the OWP medium term budget. A draft budget for 2009/10 to 2011/12, which includes proposals for future WWS funding, is considered elsewhere on today's agenda.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 The work of the WWS is countywide.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The work of the WWS supports many of the policies within the OWP Joint Municipal Waste

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Management Strategy, particularly:

Policy 3 - The OWP will help householders and individuals to reduce and manage their wastes through the provision of advice and appropriate services;

Policy 8 - The OWP will encourage householders and businesses to separate waste for recycling collections by providing targeted information and awareness-raising campaigns.

6 Options or Alternatives

6.1 Comments on the work and future plans of the WWS are welcomed.

7 Recommendations

7.1 That the report and presentation be noted.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

8.1 To promote waste reduction, reuse and recycling initiatives to Oxfordshire communities to help everyone manage their own wastes.

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Background Papers: